

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

Jacob Lipman

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Arguments of 11/19/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4,9-14,17 and 22-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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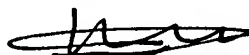
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 5-8, 18-21, and 27-32 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 5-8, 18-21, and 27-32 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 4, 9-14, 17, and 22-26 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With regard to claims 1, 4, 9-14, 17, and 22-26, DiGiorgio (USPN 6,385,729) discloses a system to uniquely identify a security computing device coupled to a computer (column 1 lines 7-9), the computer coupled to a server over a computer network (column 2 lines 3-8), the system including the security computing device being separate from the computer and adapted for connection by a user to the computer with an input/output (I/O) connector (column 2 lines 5-8), the security computing device including a processor and a secure memory (column 6 lines 30-33), the security computing device storing a serial number associated with the security computing device (user ID, column 10 lines 54-55) and a user key associated with the serial number that is unique to the security computing device in the secure memory (shared secret, column 10 lines 35-36), a server coupled to a user information database, the user information database storing a plurality of registered serial numbers and a plurality of user keys, each user key being associated with one of the plurality of registered serial numbers, wherein, when the computer attempts to log onto the server over the computer network, the server requests a serial number from the security computing device, DiGiorgio ,

however does not disclose the security computing device, under the control of the processor, to transmit the serial number from the secure memory to verifies whether the serial number received from the security computing device is stored as one of the plurality of registered serial numbers in the user information database. DiGiorgio discloses logging in using a PIN number (column 9 lines 65-66). DiGiorgio teaches away from using a stored value as the initial login because the device could be used by another person (column 10 lines 8-10) It would not have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to use only device stored values to authenticate the user of DiGiorgio, since a device can be stolen and used by anyone with successful authentication.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Lipman whose telephone number is 571-272-3837. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Fr.

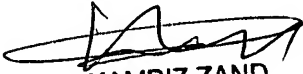
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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